GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4961
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001
HONORARY PASSES
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for issuing honorary passes; and

(b) the names of the persons to whom the said honorary railway passes have been issued during the last 18 months?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4961 BY BALIRAM TO BE ANSWERED ON 19-04-2001 REGARDING HONORARY PASSES.

(a) &(b) : No `honorary` passes are issued by the Railways. However, `Complimentary Card Passes` are issued at the personal discretion of the Minister of Railways, to eminent persons and organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities and to others on compassionate/medical grounds. As a measure of austerity and economy, no Complimentary Card Passes, under discretionary powers of Minister of Railways are being issued at present. However, Complimentary Card Passes to the following categories of persons are being issued as per the schemes announced from time to time by the Ministry of Railways:

S.No. Category

1. Freedom Fighters (Cost borne by Ministry of Home Affairs).

2. Arjun Awardees/Olympic Medalists/Asian & Commonwealth Gold Medalists/Dronacharya Awardees.

3. Winners of Chakra Series Gallantry Awards (Defence Personnel)
4 Winners of President`s Police Medal For Gallantry & and Police Medal for Gallantry (Police Personnel).

5. Presidents/Secretaries of National Sports Federation of India, Indian Olympic Association and State Olympic Associations Affiliated to Indian Olympic Association.
6 Non-official Members of Hindi Salahkar Samiti.
7 Ex-MR/MOS(R)/DMR

Besides, Cheque Passes (For Single journey/To and fro journey) are issued in deserving cases on medical grounds, compassionate grounds and to eminent persons engaged in the field of social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities etc. at the discretion of Minister of Railways/Minister of State (Railways)/Board Members.